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Ms. Maria Morrison, Project Engineer  
East Bay Municipal Utility District  
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Subject: Notice of Preparation for Folsom South Canal Connection  
Project Environmental Impact Report.

Dear Ms. Morrison:

A review of the Notice of Preparation(NOP) has suggested a few areas which should be included in the Environmental Impact Report(EIR).

Page 16. I(d) There is discussion about disruption of agricultural activities, but there is no mention of the possibility of tree or vine removal in the right-of way. There is no indication of financial mitigation for the loss of producing trees or vines, nor the lost production during the time of re-establishing the removed trees or vines, up to five years.

Page 20. III(f) There is no mention of "post construction" monitoring program of erosion or sedimentation problems. The monitoring should be continued for at least three years.

Page 29. VII(a-c) Please explain how the loss of a "hardpan vernal pool" will be mitigated, since none have been successfully reproduced to date.

Page 39. IX(a) There is mention of hazardous substances may be found in the CCT Railroad right-of-way(ROW). There should be some investigation into the existence of arsenic compounds along the ROW. Some railroads used arsenic vegetation control materials along their ROW's.

Page 44. XIII(a,b) Will the construction work adjacent to water ways be performed to avoid the removal of mature trees? Removing a significant number of these trees has a long term visual impact along the stream.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this NOP. When the Draft Environmental Impact Report is completed, a copy would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



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